

THE MOON INHABITED.

Towns, Villages and Cultivated Fields Can be Seen.

At the astronomical observatory of Berlin, says a translation from Nys Pressen Helsingfor, a discovery has lately been made which, without doubt, will cause the greatest sensation, not only among the adepts in science, but even among the most learned. Prof. Blendmann in that city has found, beyond a doubt, that our old friend, the moon is not a mere lantern which furnishes light for loving youth and gas companies of our planet, but the abode of living, intelligent beings, for which he is prepared to furnish proofs most convincing.

This question has agitated humanity from time immemorial, and has been the object of the greatest interest. But the opinions have always differed very widely, and no two minds held one and the same. Already in ancient times the belief prevailed that the moon was inhabited with some higher organized, intelligent beings, somewhat resembling man, and in order to communicate with them the earthly enthusiasts planted rows of trees several miles in length so as to form the figure of the Pythagorean theorem. The celebrated astronomer, Schroder, in the beginning of the present century, fancied that he could detect places on the surface of the moon which periodically grew lighter and darker, and from this fact he derived the conclusion that the phenomenon was a proof of existing vegetation. During the last few decades, however, the idea of life on the moon has been held up to ridicule, and totally scorned by men of learning. But, nevertheless, it has now been proved to be correct.

By accident Dr. Blendmann found that the observations of the moon gave but very unsatisfactory results, owing to the intensity of the light power of the moon's atmosphere, which is that strong that it effects the correctness of the observations in a very high degree. He then conceived the idea to make the object glass of the refractor less sensitive to the rays of light, and for that purpose he darkened it with the smoke of camphor. It took months of experimenting before he succeeded in finding his right degree of obscurity of the glass, and when finally found he then, with the refractor, took a very accurate photo of the moon's surface. This he placed in a sun microscope, which gave the picture a diameter of fifty-five and a half feet.

The revelation was most startling. It perfectly overturned all hitherto entertained ideas of the moon's surface. Those level plains which formerly were held to be oceans of water, proved to be verdant fields, and what formerly was considered mountains turned out as deserts of sand and oceans of water. Towns and habitations of all kinds were plainly discernible, as well as signs of industry and traffic. The learned professor's study and observations of old Luna will be repeated every full moon when the sky is clear, and we venture to predict that the time is not far off when we shall know more about the man in the moon than as being an agent in English politics.

The Discussion at a Boston Club.

From the New York Evening Post. The meeting of the Metaphysical Club last week was an event likely to be remembered. In my last I announced the title of the paper to be read, "The Identity of the Lost Tribes of Israel with the Anglo-Saxon Race." Dr. Kinnear was the essayist of the occasion, and his argument was an ingenious and elaborate one. One point in it is the theory that the stone upon which Jacob's head rested when he dreamed the wonderful dream was brought into Ireland, and from there to Westminster Abbey, and that every sovereign of England stands on it to be crowned. An irreverent youth present asked if it were not the Blarney stone. Father Grafton, the Rev. Dr. Miner, Mr. Ernst and others discussed the paper with a heat and fervor that nearly transcended the amenities of society. One gentleman called on to speak declined, saying he knew nothing of the ten tribes and had never heard that they were lost.

Oregon Statesman on Woman Suffrage.

Senator Dolph and Congressman George, of Oregon, have written letters indorsing the woman suffrage amendment which is to be voted upon by the people of that State at their next general election. The former says that before he had thought much or read much upon the subject, and when his judgment was the result of his preconceived ideas, he was opposed to it; but he has long since become convinced that, whether suffrage is a right or a grace, there is no valid reason why women are not equally entitled to it with men. "The time has now arrived in Oregon," he writes, "when the cause does not need argument so much as it needs action. Few men doubt that woman suffrage will become a national law before the end of the century. It should and will be a matter of gratification to the people of a State to have had the foresight to take the lead in the great reform, and I shall be glad if Oregon's voters make our State the first to be fully just to woman."

The Senatorial Orators.

Reporter Murphy, the veteran stenographer of the senate, says: "Webster was a very slow talker, and he would not average over 100 words a minute. Henry Clay spoke much faster, rolling out about 150 words to the minute. Calhoun was also slow until he became roused up with the enthusiasm of his subject, when his words would flow more rapidly. The present average of speaking in the United States senate is about 150 words per minute, though there are several speakers who utter over 200. Among the fastest speakers at present are Senators Beck, Hawley, Plumb and Morgan. Beck leads the list. Senator George of Mississippi is perhaps the slowest. Some of them are very careful about their revision, and others pay no attention to them after they are once spoken. Senator Edmunds never revises a speech, but some of the other senators look the manuscript carefully over before it goes to the press. One night I heard John Bell of Tennessee make a speech when the president of the senate, himself and I were the only ones in the chamber. It was a long night session and all the rest of the senators were loafing either in the cloak rooms or in the restaurant. Bell nevertheless roared out his speech with all the eloquence and earnestness of a revivalist preacher. The perspiration rolled down his face, he tore off his collar and preached away as though 50,000 people were listening to him. Yes, there have been many funny speeches here, but that was one of the funniest. One of the fastest speakers of the senate was Mr. Sargent, our late minister to Berlin. He could speak for two hours averaging 200 words a minute. There was a debate here some year ago on the District of Columbia bonds which lasted about four hours, and which by actual calculation averaged between 192 and 200 words a minute."

Tar Smoke for Diphtheria.

From the New York Times. Ruth Lockwood, the 9-year old child of Thomas Lockwood, a compositor in the Times' office, became violently ill with diphtheria on Tuesday night. She was so weak that it was deemed dangerous to try tracheotomy, or cutting open the windpipe. On Thursday Dr. Nichols of 117 West Washington place, who was attending her, received a copy of the Paris Fiasco, which contained a report made to the French academy of medicine by Dr. Delteil. Dr. Delteil said that the vapors of liquid tar and turpentine would dissolve the fibrous exudations which choke up the throat in croup and diphtheria.

Dr. Delteil's process was described. He pours equal parts of turpentine and liquid tar into a tin pan or cup and sets fire to the mixture. A dense resinous smoke arises, which obscures the air of the room. "The patient," Dr. Delteil says, "immediately seems to experience relief, the choking and rattle stop; the patient falls into a slumber and seems to inhale the smoke with pleasure. The fibrous membrane soon becomes detached and the patient coughs up microbes. These, when caught in a glass, may be seen to dissolve in the smoke. In the course of three days afterwards the patient entirely recovers."

Dr. Nichols tried this treatment yesterday with little Ruth Lockwood. She was lying gasping for breath when he visited her. First pouring about two tablespoonfuls of liquid tar on an iron pan, he poured as much turpentine over it and set it on fire. The rich resinous smoke which rose to the ceiling was by no means unpleasant. As it filled the room the child's breathing became natural, and as the smoke grew dense she fell asleep.

Mr. W. Irving Bishop the American thought-reader, gave a remarkable exhibition in London, Tuesday of his peculiar power. A canon of Westminster cathedral consented to act as subject, and after Mr. Bishop had been securely blindfolded, wrote the name of an object within a radius of one mile upon a strip of paper, which he continued to hold in his hand. Mr. Bishop then put a wire around the canon's wrist, and dragged him out of the hall and through the streets in the presence of a jeering and yelling crowd, until he arrived in front of the designated object. There he stopped, and the canon proved by exhibiting the paper that he fully accomplished his task.

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